

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Their decision is clearly motivated by an interest to discredit John F. Kerry and to bolster George W. Bush's chances in the upcoming Presidential election. As such, this proposed broadcast clearly constitutes a partisan effort that will benefit the incumbant administration, and should be viewed as a political commercial, subject to any and all existing regulations and law governing such broadcasts. Any intervention permitted by statute or policy should be implemented by the FCC to either punish or prevent Sinclair Broadcasting from preempting local programming to air this shameless piece of vitriolic propoganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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